untruthfulness were easily demonstrated." Clarke proceeds not as a doctor but as a prosecuting attorney.

(Letters to Father: Miss Pearl)

The "Clinical Record" of July 9, 1913, states that "Miss Pearl was brought to the Institution by her brother and a friend. She was sent to ward 13, was bathed and put to bed." The nature of her admission, officially "voluntary," is disputed in the letters below. Most of the following "Record" is devoted to criticism of the latter as "somewhat childish and disconnected" (Dr. Clare), and of her conversation for its "egotism, flight of ideas" and "trying to be clever in what she says." According to Dr. Clare "she mostly impresses one with the idea of being foolish and childish." Dr. Clare states on July 24, 1913 that she was "presented at conference Tuesday, July 22 .... diagnosed as a Maniac form of Maniac depressent [sic]. It was decided to give her parole of the grounds."

Male authority, or rather of the absence of any sympathetic female authority, was a factor in Miss Pearl's life. At the very end of her letter of May 3, 1914 she states that "I don't know which brother is going to be the best to take advice from." She seems to have taken a lot of advice from her father and her brothers, and something worse from her father.

Her father wrote Dr. Forster on April 26, 1914, asking him to discourage his daughter from visiting friends in the City, as it "does her harm & people don't like it." He also advises the Superintendent that women, former townspeople, are to call at the Asylum in a few days, to measure his daughter for clothes. Clothing her inside the institution seems presents problems (she requires an irregular size, because she is large), but these are less -- for the father -- than the problems posed by allowing her to circulate freely.

In his letter to Dr. Forster of October 23, 1913, the father indicates that a principal object for curtailing his daughter's activities is to prevent her from "writing cards when away from the Hospital and mailing them down Town. The Cards are not fit to send & should not be sent." The father seems to feel some guilt at wanting to restrict his daughter more than Dr. Forster himself, who had written him on October 8, 1913, about the difficulty of preventing Miss Pearl from "going down into the city" without denying her parole of the